

performing a color characterization analysis of the template image; and

searching for regions of the target image having a color characterization that matches, at least to a degree, the color characterization of the template image;

wherein said searching for regions of the target image comprises performing a color characterization analysis for a plurality of regions within the target image;

wherein the color characterization analysis performed for the template image and the color characterization analyses performed for each of the plurality of regions of the target image comprise:

examining color information of at least a subset of pixels;

assigning each examined pixel to a color category that corresponds to a portion of a color space;

determining information indicative of the allocation of the examined pixels across color categories;

wherein, for each of the plurality of regions of the target image, said searching comprises comparing the information obtained in the color characterization analysis of the region to the information obtained in the color characterization analysis of the template image in order to determine whether the region has a color characterization that matches, at least to a degree, the color characterization of the template image.--

REMARKS

Applicants have deleted lines 2 – 4 of page 11, which stated that the file of the patent contains at least one drawing executed in color. Applicants had originally intended to later submit two color drawings. However, upon review of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office criteria for acceptance of color drawings, the criteria states that in order for color drawings to be accepted with the application, the drawings must be necessary to understand the invention. Color drawings are not necessary to understand the present invention, and thus color drawings will not be submitted.

Applicants have canceled claims 1 – 41 and added claims 44 – 97 to correct a numbering error and to more completely claim Applicants' invention. Applicant notes that the current claims submitted with the application as originally filed contained claims

numbered 1-3 followed by claims numbered 2 - 41, thus presenting a total of 43 claims. Hence, the new claims are re-numbered beginning with "44" since 43 claims were actually presented, although they were mis-numbered.

CONCLUSION

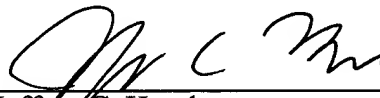
In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☒ Formal Drawings
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$198.00 for fees (11 additional claims @ \$18.00/ea.).

If any additional fees or refunds are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or refund said fees to Conley, Rose, & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5150-45500/JCH.

Respectfully submitted,



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